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TO: PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

FROM: DIVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Chris Parker, Director

William Duncan, Manager, Telecommunications and Water

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RE: DOCKET NO. 18-053-T01: In the Matter of UBTA-UBET Communications

Inc.'s (UBTA-UBET) filing to decrease Terminating Premium Access tariff rates in compliance with Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules pertaining to Transitional Access Service Pricing and to reflect the step down of End Office

terminating rate as prescribed by FCC rules.

ISSUE:

UBTA-UBET filed revisions to its Access Service Tariff P.S.C.U. No. 1 to reflect compliance with FCC Part 51 Rule 51.909 for the next phase of modifying the intrastate access rates to establish parity with interstate access rates effective July 1, 2018. Specifically, the Terminating rate for End Office Local Switched Access is decreasing from \$0.003567 to \$0.002133 in order to be at parity with NECA's interstate switched access rates.

DISCUSSION:

On June 21, 2018 UBTA-UBET filed revisions to its P.S.C.U. No 1 Access Service Tariff to reduce the local terminating per access minute rate in accordance with FCC's 11-161 Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking dated November 18, 2011. This filing represents the seventh phase in a step down process of access service rate changes. The Division of Public Utilities (Division) reviewed the results of the tariff impact calculations for the required



access service rates and has determined that the submitted tariff rates are set to the appropriate rates as outlined in the FCC Report and Order.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve New Tariff Changes

The Division agrees the tariff change is filed in compliance to the FCC Order 11-161 and supports this tariff change. The Division recommends the tariff be approved and become effective July 1, 2018.

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